



Staff Report

TO: Mayor, and City Council Members
FROM: Christina Taylor, Community Development Director
DATE: April 21, 2020
SUBJECT: Request for Authorization to Submit an Application for Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant Funding

Background and Analysis:

In 2017, Governor Brown signed a 15-bill housing package to address the state's housing shortage and high housing costs. The approval included the Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB 2), which established a \$75 recording fee on real estate documents to increase the supply of affordable homes in California. These fees are collected and used to fund a variety of housing related grant programs for which agencies can apply.

The City of Beaumont was awarded \$160,000 during the first round of grant funding. Those funds will be used to update the City's municipal code and housing related policies. This includes developing an accessory dwelling unit ordinance, changes to the municipal code regarding processing procedures for residential developments. Each of these need to be addressed so the City can be compliant with State requirements. This also provides the opportunity for the City to focus on specific geographic areas for project level design and standards as cost permits.

The State is currently in the second round of funding, accepting applications for the Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant funding. The awards are based on population and the City of Beaumont is eligible for up to \$150,000. These funds can be used to either accelerate housing production or to facilitate compliance to implement the sixth cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The State of California requires each city to have a compliant housing element. The State is finalizing guidelines for the sixth cycle RHNA which will need to be implemented in the form of a housing element. Funding received from this application is intended for the City's sixth cycle housing element. The process will begin mid-summer 2020 and be completed by October 2021 in order to be compliant with State requirements.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost to prepare the SB 2 grant application and this staff report is approximately \$750. If awarded, the City will receive \$150,000 in non-competitive grant funds.

Recommended Action:

Waive the full reading and adopt by title only, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Beaumont, Authorizing Application for and Receipt of Local Government Planning Support Grant Program Funds."

Attachments:

- A. LEAP Grant Application with Resolution